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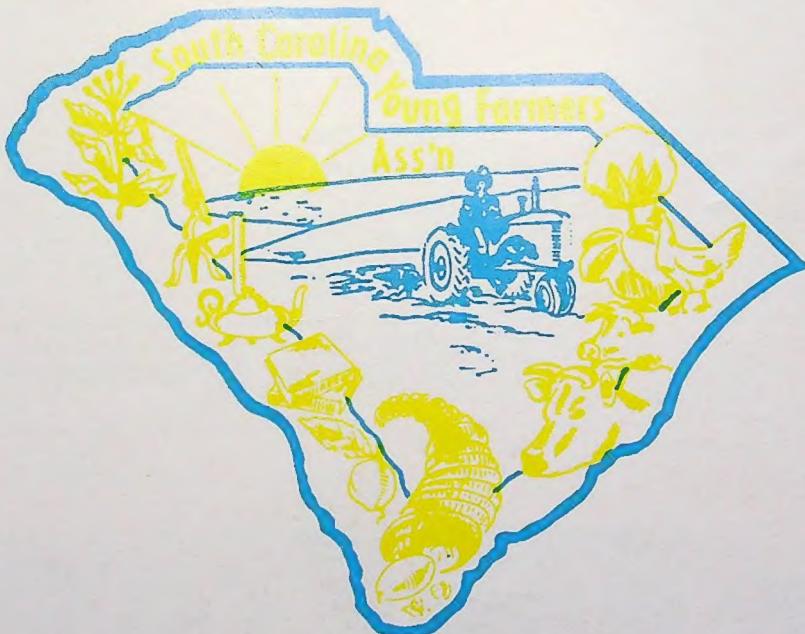
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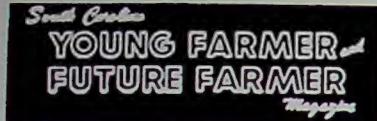
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TO YOUNG FARMERS

By Hugh P. McCormon

The 32nd Annual Convention at Hilton Head Island was very successful despite problems with facilities and service. Attendance and participation were excellent for one of the best programs we have had in recent years. All of the speakers were interesting and informative and only a "pro" like "Doc" Blakely, a humorist of Wharton, Texas, could have made the Banquet Session more enjoyable. Appreciation is expressed to the chapters with representatives attending along with special guests who add so much to our convention each year. Any suggestions for next year would be appreciated. The officers will make an effort to determine and secure the best possible location, facilities, and accommodations available.

This is the time of year when most chapters are busy with conducting educational programs for the members. The importance and need for current information in agriculture is greater today than ever before with the rapid pace of changes that are occurring. Those who participate in the Young Farmer Program realize the benefits, however, there are many others who should be reached.

All chapters should make a special effort to increase membership this year. Several chapters have made much progress recently with one chapter serving approximately 100 members. Efforts will also be made to charter some new chapters and reactivate some who were not affiliated this year. The State Officers and staff are available and will be happy to provide any assistance needed. Call on them when needed.

TO FUTURE FARMERS

By J. Earl Frick, Jr.

National FFA Vice President Elin Duckworth from Mesa, Arizona, will participate in our 1980 State FFA Convention June 4-6 at Clemson University. Elin is taking a year's leave of absence from the University of Arizona, where she is majoring in plant protection and agricultural education, to fulfill the duties of her office. Your State FFA Officers have begun work already to make this year's convention the best ever. Make sure your chapter is represented at the convention by at least two official delegates plus all contest and awards winners.

Now is the time to prepare and submit all contest and awards applications, both chapter and individual. More members should take advantage of the variety of contests and awards that are available. Many of these awards provide cash to district and state winners. April 15 is the deadline for submitting the State Farmer Degree, the Agricultural Proficiency Awards applications and the Individual Future Farmer Award. The Tobacco Production Awards and the Agricultural Electrification Awards are also due by April 15, and provide funds to send the first place FFA member and advisor to Kansas City for the National FFA Convention. And the chapter applications in the Building Our American Community (BOAC) Award, Chapter Safety Award and Chapter Award programs are also due by April 15. Ask your vocational agriculture teacher to help you in completing and mailing all applications to your district consultant prior to the April 15 deadline.

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32ND SC YOUNG FARMER CONVENTION



DR. JOHN E. TILL



MR. SHULER HOUCK



"DOC" BLAKELY



J. TYRON SPEARMAN

The 32nd annual convention of the S. C. Association of Young Farmers began with a luncheon for state officers, officer candidates, state executive committee members and wives, and State Staff, at the Islander Inn, Hilton Head Island. Highlighting the opening session was a program entitled "Perspective on Energy for the South Carolina Farmer." This topic was very ably presented by Dr. John E. Till, Energy Consultant, from Orangeburg. The second session of the afternoon was devoted to "Using Commodity Futures as a Marketing Tool." This most interesting program was presented by Mr. Shuler Houck, Houck's Agri-Business, Cameron, South Carolina. Both speakers presented timely topics and information of vital interest to Young Farmers. In addition to the speakers, numerous manufacturers and service organizations filled the exhibit hall with interesting and informative displays. The exhibits were viewed by those present between sessions and during breaks in the proceedings.

The ladies program got underway with a welcome from Marcia Mitchell, wife of President Tolbert Mitchell, from Saluda. Linda Rogers, wife of President-Elect Cecil Rogers, Lake View, introduced the guests. Door prizes were awarded by Susan Weathers, Dale Smith, Trisha Alt, Janis Galloway, and Maida Dantzler, wives of the Young Farmer Executive Committeemen. Following the introductions, a most interesting bus tour to many points of interest at Hilton Head was enjoyed by all the ladies.

Awards were presented to the district and state winners in the following areas: Overall chapter achievement, energy con-

servation, soybean and corn production. The highlight of the awards banquet was the selection and recognition of the district and state Young Farmers of the Year and their wives. Following these awards, a color slide presentation was presented by Dr. Lloyd Blanton of the Agricultural Education Department, Clemson University, depicting the homes, equipment and farming programs of the district and state Young Farmers of the Year. Walter Dantzler, past State President from Holly Hill, introduced the guest speaker, James "Doc" Blakely, of Wharton, Texas, who delighted those present with a humorous, interesting, informative, and thought-provoking address.

The final session was held on Saturday morning and featured the presentation of the membership and attendance awards, sponsored by Southern Grain Storage Distributors and presented by Jack E. Cummings, owner. State FFA President Mark Wyndham, from Fort Mill, brought greetings from his association. Armond Morris, State President of the Young Farmers Association of Georgia, brought greetings from his state. A large number of Young Farmers and wives enjoyed a humorous and informative address by J. Tyron Spearman, Coordinator, Georgia Agricultural Commodity Commission for Peanuts, Tifton, Georgia, speaking on what the future holds for agriculture and agri-business. Landy Weathers reported to the convention on the Fifth Young Farmer Summer Tour. A report on the 13th National Young Farmer Educational Institute held in Toledo, Ohio, was

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ARMOND MORRIS



EDSEL WILLIAMS



LANDY WEATHERS



AFTERNOON SESSION

1980 LEADERS ELECTED



Elected to lead the S. C. Association of Young Farmers during 1980 were, left to right: President, Cecil Rogers, Lake View; President-Elect, Landy Weathers, Bowman; and District Vice Presidents, Joe Dean Smith, Landrum; Dan Alt, Chester; Ray Galloway, Darlington; and David Shuler, Holly Hill. In addition to those shown, the Executive Committee includes Past President, Tolbert Mitchell, Saluda; Executive Secretary, H. P. McClimon, Anderson; and State Advisor, Frank R. Stover, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture, Columbia.

CONVENTION AWARDS

Young Farmers of The Year 1980



The outstanding District Young Farmers for 1979 were recognized and the Young Farmer of the Year selected at the recent 32nd annual convention of the S. C. Young Farmers Association at Hilton Head Island. The award winning Young Farmers and their wives are shown, left to right: Betty and Henry Gunter, Pelion chapter (Freddie Waltz, advisor); Shelia and Thomas Shealy, Saluda chapter (Bill Whitfield, advisor); Joan and James Lovell, Jr., Brittons Neck chapter (Jerry Pace, advisor); Reka and Harry Wimberly, Bowman chapter (Landy Weathers, advisor); and State Young Farmer of the Year, Jeanette and Manning Shuler, Holly Hill chapter (Walter Dantzler, advisor).

James E. Wilson, Executive Vice President, Federal Land Bank of Columbia and Production Credit Associations of South Carolina, presented the awards on behalf of the sponsors.

These awards are designed to recognize Young Farmers throughout the state who have made outstanding progress toward becoming successfully established in farming. Establishment of a home, participation in Young Farmer activities, and outstanding leadership qualities and activities are also considered.

The district winners each received an engraved tray and \$150 cash; the state winner \$300 cash and an engraved bowl.

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presented by Edsel Williams of the Brittons Neck chapter. This report was given in an interesting slide presentation.

Election of officers to lead the Association for 1980 came at the end of the closing session.

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CONVENTION AWARDS CONTINUED

1979 TOP CHAPTERS



Representatives of the district and state 1979 winning chapters in South Carolina were on hand to receive their awards at the recent Young Farmer Convention at Hilton Head Island. Shown, left, presenting the awards to the top chapters is Jean Rice, Vice President, Public Relations and Advertising, Gold Kist, Inc., Atlanta, Ga. State winner was

the Saluda chapter, Pat Rogers, president, Bill Whitfield, advisor. District winners were as follows: Pelion chapter, Aubrey Poole, president, Freddie Waltz, advisor; Brittons Neck chapter, Jim Lovell, president, Jerry Pace, advisor; and Bowman chapter, Jacob Riser, president, Landy Weathers, advisor. District winners each received an engraved plaque and \$100 cash. The state winning Saluda chapter received \$300 cash and a state plaque.

Chapters competing for this award are judged on the educational program provided for members, community involvement, and Young Farmer leadership activities.

Gold Kist sponsors this award to encourage local Young Farmer chapters throughout South Carolina to plan and conduct challenging programs of interest to all members.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AWARDS



The 1979 outstanding Energy Efficiency district and state awards this year includes both the Young Farmer and his wife. The state winners were Frances and Thomas Lee Martin of Pendleton, George Reed, advisor, (not present). District winners are shown, left to right: Caroline and Jack Cunningham, Pelion chapter (Freddie Waltz, advisor); Gregory J. Reynolds (single), Southside-Elim chapter (W. W. Weldon, advisor); and Paula and George David Shuler, Holly Hill chapter (Walter Dantzler, advisor). Shown, at right, congratulating the winners is Earl P. Glasscock, Jr., Manager, Agricultural Development and Home Services, S. C. Electric and Gas Co., Columbia, who made the awards on behalf of the sponsors, S. C. Electric and Gas Co., Carolina Power and Light Co., and Duke Power Co. The state winner received and engraved plaque and \$300 cash; district winners each received \$150 and engraved plaques. Their wives each received engraved trays.

The companies sponsor the awards to encourage Young Farmers throughout the state to make the best and most efficient use of electrical power in their farming operations and to conserve energy.

TOP CORN PRODUCERS



Winners in the 1979 Young Farmer Association's corn production contest are shown, left to right, as they received the district and state awards: Owen Coleman, Saluda chapter, yield 105.9 bu/a, Pioneer 3369A (Bill Whitfield, advisor);

Danny Gunter, Pelion chapter, yield 94.35 bu/a, DeKalb XL 80 (Freddie Waltz, advisor); partners Roger Waltz and Bobby George, Colleton chapter, yield 173.47 bu/a, Pioneer 3368 (William H. Richardson, Jr., advisor); and state winner Samuel Martin, Hillcrest chapter, yield 230.88 bu/a, Pioneer 3369A (Saul E. Price, advisor). Shown, at right, congratulating the winners is Bob Williamson, sales representative of Coker's Pedigreed Seed Company, Denmark, sponsors of the award.

District winners each received \$100 and a plaque; the state winner received \$200 and a plaque.

Coker's sponsors this competition to encourage Young Farmers in South Carolina to increase corn yields through the use of high quality seed, adequate fertilization, and improved agricultural practices.

1979 SOYBEAN CHAMPS



Ed Campbell, left, Regional Manager of FCX, Inc., Sumter, is shown congratulating the top producers in the S. C. Association of Young Farmers 1979 Five-Acre Soybean Contest at the Association's 32nd annual convention recently at Hilton Head Island. Winners shown, left to right, are: State winner, Donnie Pitts, Hickory Tavern, yield 65.22 bu/a (Tommy Huffman, advisor); and district winners, Steve Counterma, Chester, yield 52.14 bu/a (Allen Beer, advisor); and Jackie Arnold, Darlington, yield 47.55 bu/a (Alex Yarborough, advisor). Not present when picture was made, Johnny McMillan, Ruffin, yield 48.50 bu/a (William Richardson, advisor). The district winners each received \$100 cash and an engraved plaque. The state winner received \$200 cash and an engraved plaque.

The FCX, Inc. sponsors this competition to encourage Young Farmers throughout the state to increase soybean yields through the use of high quality seed, adequate fertilization, and improved agricultural practices.

BANQUET SPEAKER



Highlighting the banquet session was an address by America's number one intellectual humorist, James "Doc" Blakely, from Wharton, Texas. Blakely delighted those present with his humor and with his interesting, informative and thought-provoking address. He is a nationally known professional public speaker and his newspaper column "Poking Fun" is syndicated.

Blakely appeared courtesy of Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. and the S. C. Association of Young Farmers.

JAMES BLAKELY, Ph.D.

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January, 21, 1980

Mr. Hugh McClinton,
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Farmers

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Dear Hugh:

I am sure that all of you will never forget your meeting in Hilton Head. Much has already been said about it but I am still simply amazed at the remarkable attitude of your crowd under such potentially stressful conditions. It almost makes me glad it happened just to have experienced a first class group of people reacting to problem solving. Simply stated, your audience was, on a scale of one to ten, at least a twenty. Best wishes for continued success in agriculture for all you South Carolina Young Farmers. May your house always be too small for all your friends and may I be one of 'em!

Cordially yours,

Doc

James "Doc" Blakely

PELION CHAPTER CITED



Jack Cummings, owner of Southern Grain Storage Distributors, Ruffin, SC, is shown making membership awards, which his company sponsors annually, during the breakfast session of the annual convention of the S. C. Association of Young Farmers at Hilton Head Island recently. The Pelion chapter won the largest increase in membership award. They received \$50 cash. Shown receiving the award for the Pelion chapter is Aubrey Poole, president (Freddie Waltz, advisor).

COLLETON ATTENDANCE AWARD



Jack Cummings, owner of Southern Grain Storage Distributors, Ruffin, SC, is shown making membership awards, which his company sponsors annually, during the breakfast session of the annual convention of the S. C. Association of Young Farmers at Hilton Head Island recently. The Colleton chapter won the largest percentage increase in membership award. They received \$50 cash. Shown receiving the award for the Colleton chapter is Bennie Jones, president (Bennie Hughes, advisor).

STOVER HONORED



Frank R. Stover, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, and Advisor to the Young Farmer organization, is shown receiving the Outstanding Service Award from Young Farmer State President Tolbert Mitchell at the 32nd annual convention of the S. C. Young Farmers Association at Hilton Head Island recently. The award was presented by the S. C. Association of Young Farmers for continuous outstanding service to the Association by Mr. Stover over a period of years.

BEREA FFA IN ACTION



Since last fall the Berea chapter of Future Farmers of America has certified 48 young people in a Hunter Safety Program sponsored by South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Department.

The purpose of the Hunter Safety Program is to create a safer environment in the hunting field, safe handling of firearms around the home, and to assist the student in understanding his involvement in the field of wildlife conservation.

Each student is required to spend a minimum of ten hours in the classroom and about three hours on the shooting range shooting 22 caliber rifles, muzzle loaders, and 20 gauge shotguns-single barrel, pump action, and automatic.

This safety program has added a great deal of interest and enthusiasm in our chapter.

By: Mark T. Jones, Reporter
Berea Chapter F.F.A.

SALUDA RECOGNIZED

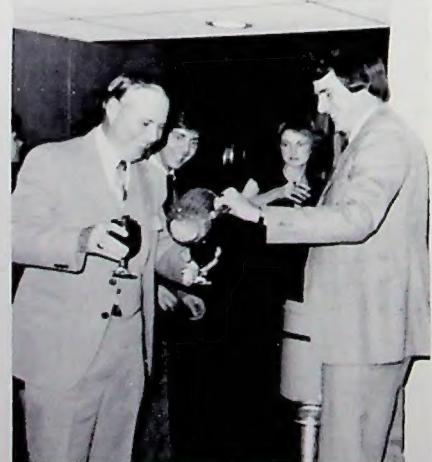


The Saluda Young Farmer chapter, Pat Rogers, president, Bill Whitfield, advisor, received the convention attendance award. This award is sponsored by Jack E. Cummings, owner of Southern Grain Storage Distributors, Ruffin, SC. Shown receiving the award is a representative of the Saluda chapter.

LADIES PROGRAM

Marcia Mitchell brought greetings to the Young Farmers wives and guests, Linda Rogers introduced the guests, and door prizes were awarded by Susan Weathers, Dale Smith, Trisha Alt, Janis Galloway, and Maida Dantzler. Door prizes were donated by various business concerns interested in the Young Farmer organization. Following these activities the ladies boarded buses for conducted tours of Hilton Head Island.

CANDID BANQUET SHOTS



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1980 Young Farmer Awards

Young Farmer-of-the Year Award

\$150 cash and silver tray to top Young Farmer in each district

\$300 and silver bowl to State Young Farmer-of-the-Year
Sponsored by the Federal Land Bank and Production
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Outstanding Chapter Award

First Place in each district - \$100 cash and an engraved plaque

Top chapter in state — \$300 cash and engraved plaque
Sponsored by Gold Kist, Inc.

Energy Efficiency Award

\$150 cash to the winner in each district.

\$200 cash to the state winner.

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5-acre Soybean Production Award

\$100 cash and engraved plaque to top Young Farmer in each district.

\$200 cash and engraved plaque to state winner
Sponsored by ECX Incorporated

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One Acre Corn Contest \$100 cash prize and a special distinction.

\$100 cash to top producers in each

\$200 cash to top producer in state
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Young Farmer Chapter Membership Awards

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\$50 cash to chapter with largest member increase

\$50 cash to chapter with largest percentage increase

\$50 cash to chapter with largest percentage increase.
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Convention Attendance Award

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The Young Farmer chapter with the largest attendance at the State Convention receives \$50 cash.

Sponsored by Southern Grain Storage Distributors

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In order to participate in the awards program sponsored by the South Carolina Association of Young Farmers the chapter must be in good standing with the state association. Membership dues with the names and addresses of members must be in the district office by May 31. Individual members submitting dues after May 31 will not be eligible to participate.

Young Farmer members past the age of 40 as of May 31 are not eligible to participate in the awards program or serve as state officers. For details concerning any of the above awards, contact your advisor.

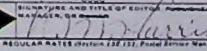
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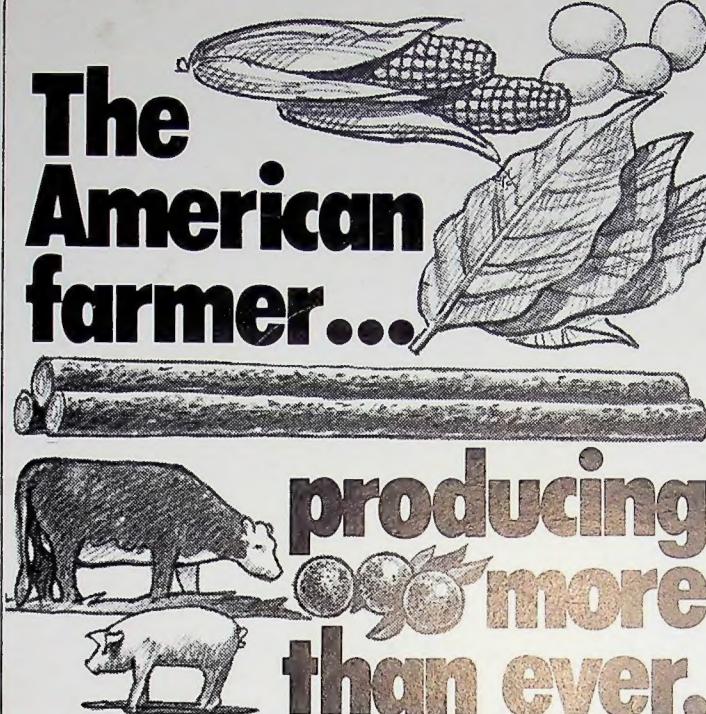
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